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Applicant: Bruce YOUNG
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 Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD OF DISTRIBUTING
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Following the final Office Action dated November 25, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as indicated below.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 12, 33 and 34 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the claims in the following manner, shown below in clean form. Marked-up versions of the amended claims are provided in the attached Appendix.

1. (Twice Amended) A product distribution and return system, comprising:
 - a product dispensed from a vending machine in one location;
 - a return mailer dispensed with the product, wherein the return mailer is also a product case, the product returnable in the return mailer to a return center, the return center being in another location; and
 - a label comprising an address of the return center and having an amount of postage sufficient to mail the product to the return center;
 - wherein said label is configured for being attached to the return mailer for returning the product to the return center or alternatively for being attached to a second return mailer if the product is not returned to the return center;
 - wherein a product rental fee is defined in a set of product rental terms, further wherein the product rental fee includes fees for non-compliance with the product rental terms;